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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Examiner

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before tine 3, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/AU00/00352 which has an International filing date of April 20, 2000, which designated the United States of America, and which was published by the International Bureau in English on October 26, 2000.--